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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/759,302	Applicant(s) SIH, YUNG-CHAH	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07/23/2007 has been entered.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the sealing print formed on the two side outermost periphery portions crossing the two side edges and extending from the face to back without discontinuity (claim 14) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate

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changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The amendment filed 07/23/2007 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: the sealing print crosses the bottom and side edges so as to extend from the face to the back without discontinuity.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

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5. Claims 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification, as originally filed, fails to provide antecedent basis for the recitation "a sealing print formed on outermost periphery portions of both said face and said back, said outermost periphery portions abutting said edge, the sealing print crossing said edge so as to extend from said face to said back without discontinuity". This is a new matter rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Great Britain Patent Specification No. 1,025,034 to AB Restello (hereafter AB Restello) and U.S. Patent No. 4,720,040 to Gurewitz (hereafter Gurewitz).

AB Restello discloses a confidential package (Fig. 3), comprising: a face and a back (5, 6) linked with each other at an edge (9), the edge defining a boundary between said face and said back, periphery portions of the face and the back adhered to each other (via heat sealing) to form a sealing zone within the face and the back; and a

sealing print (7, 8) formed on each of a top periphery portions, a bottom periphery portion, and two side periphery portions of both the face and the back, the sealing print being formed on outer surfaces of both said face and said back, outermost periphery portions abutting the edge. However, AB Restello does not show the sealing print (7) crossing the edges so as to extend from said face to said back without discontinuity. Gurewitz discloses that it is known in the art to provide markings (62) on both sides and at the edges, which meets the recitation "crossing the edges", of an analogous package (Figs 4 and 5, column 3, lines 59-66). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the sealing print of AB Restello crossing the edges (i.e., at the edges) so as to extend from said face to said back without discontinuity, as disclosed by Gurewitz, in order to provide visual evidence of surreptitious opening at the edges of the bag.

Regarding claim 17, the back of the AB Restello envelope is considered to be "prepared with a portion for carrying notice" to the same degree the claims set forth the metes and bounds of the term "prepared".

8. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AB Restello and Gurewitz as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,205,649 to Fullerton.

Restello and Gurewitz disclose the claimed device except for the face being formed with a transparent window. Fullerton discloses that it is known in the art to provide the face of another tamper evident package with a transparent window. See

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column 5, lines 19-23. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the face of the AB Restello package with the transparent window of Fullerton, in order to allow viewing of the contents without opening the package.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments, filed 07/23/2007, with respect to the rejection of claim 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph (new matter) have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant remarks that the specification, as originally filed, discloses the sealing prints cross the top, bottom and two side edges so as to extend from the face to the back without discontinuity (Figs. 3 and 4, specification, page 4, lines 19-23, lines 28-27, page 5, lines 2-4). At best, the original specification supports the sealing print crossing the top edge so as to extend from the face to the back without discontinuity. The passages indicated in applicant's arguments only support the sealing print extending across the bottom and side edges on the face and back. However, there is no support in the original specification that the sealing print across the bottom and two sides edges extend from the face to the back "without discontinuity".

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejection of claims 14-18 as being anticipated by or obvious over the Taylor, Wroeger, Dahlke, Vaucher and Fullerton references have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

12. Applicant is duly reminded that a complete response must satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F. R. 1.111, including: "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references. A general allegation that the claims "define a patentable invention" without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section. Moreover, "The prompt development of a clear Issue requires that the replies of the applicant meet the objections to and rejections of the claims." Applicant should also specifically point out the support for any amendments made to the disclosure. See MPEP 714.02 and MPEP 2163.06. The "disclosure" includes the claims, the specification and the drawings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jes F. Pascua whose telephone number is 571-272-4546. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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